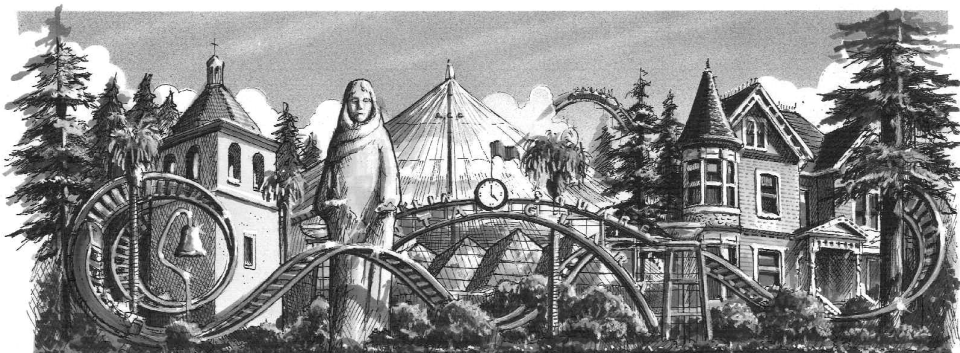




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QUARTERLY NEWSPAPER FOR
CITY OF SANTA CLARA
RESIDENTS & BUSINESSES

WINTER/SPRING 2012



City launches online public forum

The City of Santa Clara will begin trial use of Open City Hall, an online program to solicit citizen input and feedback on important city topics. The program is accessible from the city's website at santaclaraca.gov/OpenCityHall and allows individuals to make comments and suggestions and read what other people are saying. City officials will read the statements and consider them in their decision processes. The forum continues the City's efforts to provide more opportunities for citizen interaction and engagement.

The program was developed by Peak Democracy, a non-partisan company whose mission is to broaden civic engagement and build public trust in government. About 25 other cities across the country are using Open City Hall.

The first Open City Hall topic in Santa Clara asks the question: What do you love about Santa Clara? The three writers who post answers to the question that generate the most comments from other residents will win a City coffee mug or reusable City shopping bag.

Animals are waiting to be adopted



Is 2012 the year when you'll add a dog, cat or other animal to your family?

The Silicon Valley Animal Control Authority (SVACA) operates the only cageless animal care center in Silicon Valley where wonderful animals are waiting to be adopted. Mark your calendar for the Spring Adoptathon on Saturday, May 5, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., or if you can't wait that long, visit the website svaca.com or call 408-764-0344.

SVACA is also looking for volunteers and foster parents to help take care of animals at the Center. Donations to the Animal Assistance Fund are used to rehabilitate sick or injured animals that require specialized veterinary

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City Furlough days affect service hours for 2012

Staff furlough days – closing down services a few days a year with reduction in pay – are helping the City of Santa Clara balance its budget since the Great Recession greatly reduced revenues. In 2011, City offices and facilities were closed for business on 12 work days, saving approximately \$5.3 million. In 2012, the furlough calendar originally showed 13 furlough days. Due to slightly improving economic conditions, the City was able to remove three of those furlough dates, and only the following 10 days remain as furlough days for calendar year 2012:

- February 17, Friday
- April 9, Monday
- June 15, Friday
- July 5, Thursday
- October 5, Friday
- December 24, Monday
- December 26, 27, 28, Wednesday through Friday
- December 31, Monday

After consulting with employee bargaining groups, the City carefully selected the dates in order to minimize the impact on delivery of services to the community. The Fire and Police Departments continue to provide public safety services 24/7. The community is advised to continue to call 9-1-1 for emergencies, 408-615-5580 for Police non-emergencies, and 408-615-4900 for Fire non-emergencies. City staff members are available on an on-call status to provide emergency maintenance services such as responding to power outages, sewer main stoppages, water emergencies, or storm-related issues; on furlough days, the community is advised to call 615-5640 for electric, sewer or water emergencies. If any changes are made to the furlough schedule, they will be published on the City's website.

(Additional furlough information on page 2)

49ers Stadium Update

After two Study Sessions Dec. 6 and 8, a Public Hearing on Dec. 13, 2011, and public comment at all three meetings, the Santa Clara Stadium Authority approved a Disposition and Development Agreement with the San Francisco 49ers for the development of the football stadium on City owned land, outlining in more detail the terms of the agreement pursuant to the June 2010 voter approved Term Sheet/Measure J. Also approved were financing commitment documents relating to the Preliminary Finance Plan for the financing of the stadium. Both actions are significant steps toward the start of Stadium construction, anticipated for 2013. Key announcements included commitments for construction financing obtained from three lenders: Goldman, Sachs & Co., Bank of America/Merrill Lynch, and U.S. Bank.

The Stadium will be owned by the Stadium Authority. StadCo, a 49ers affiliate, will pay a Facility Rent to the Stadium Authority, most likely in the range of \$30 million per year, up from \$5 million estimated Facility Rent at the time of the Term Sheet. The Stadium Authority will pay fixed rent and performance-based rent to the City of Santa Clara for use of this City owned land, which is projected to provide a fair market rent to the City's General Fund.

Total cost of the Stadium is now estimated at \$1.02 billion, with the Stadium Authority incurring construction finance debt in the range of \$850 million through a combination of loans from the construction lenders and

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9-1-1 calls on Voice-over-Internet (VoIP) telephone service

Increasingly, people are opting for Voice over Internet Protocol (VoIP) telephone service to save money on phone bills. What they may not realize is that 9-1-1 emergency calls may not be connected properly or provide accurate information for emergency responders.

VoIP routes calls through your high speed Internet connection rather than through traditional land lines or cell towers. A VoIP vendor provides a phone adapter that connects your phone to your broadband modem or router. Popular VoIP providers include Skype, Phone Power, ViaTalk, Vonage and MagicJack.

When calls are made to 9-1-1 on a traditional phone including cell phones, emergency dispatchers are usually able to immediately identify the address or location where the call is being made and quickly direct the closest emergency personnel to that address. In contrast, VoIP service allows users to take their telephone service almost anywhere, so the most accurate and up-to-date address information is not automatically provided to 9-1-1 dispatchers if that device has been relocated to another address within a city, another city, another state or another country. That 9-1-1 call will be routed to the jurisdiction responsible for the address of record, not the actual location, which may significantly delay the response of emergency personnel.

Here are some potential examples of problems that can occur:

- A Santa Clara family sends their daughter to college in New York with a VoIP device. The VoIP device location (address of record) is never updated, so when the daughter calls 9-1-1 to report a fire down the hall from her dorm room -- the call is connected to Santa Clara 9-1-1. Fortunately, others report the incident and the response is not delayed; however, had the daughter been the only caller, there would have been significant delays.

- A Santa Clara couple relocates to military base in South

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City Holiday Schedule: January-May

In addition to the furlough days listed on page 1, City offices will also be closed on these holidays:
Monday, Jan. 16 – Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday
Monday, Feb. 20 – Presidents Day Holiday
Friday, April 6 – Spring Holiday
Monday, May 28 – Memorial Day Holiday
There are no changes to the solid waste collection schedule for any of these holiday weeks. Also note that City offices will be closed for staff furloughs as shown on page 1.

School District has five furlough days scheduled in early 2012

Due to tremendous budget cuts over the last several years, Santa Clara Unified School District is joining many districts across the state in implementing furlough days for students and staff. Furlough days for early 2012 are January 2, March 12, March 26, March 27 and May 21. More information regarding these days will be posted on the Santa Clara Unified School District website, www.santaclarausd.org. Parents are encouraged to plan ahead for activities for their students on these days. There may be a few exceptions for programs that run on a contractual basis, so please check with your school contact for exact program offerings on those days. The reduction of staff salaries by five days results in approximately \$2.3 million that will go toward the budget deficit for the 2011-2012 school year.

Triton Museum opens Art School for all ages

The Triton Museum of Art is launching an Art School in 2012 with a wide variety of class offerings for all ages. Download a detailed schedule from the website tritonmuseum.org or call 408-247-3754 to request a printed copy. Here is an overview of the art education classes to be offered:

- KidStudio art classes that introduce children, ages 3 to 13, to the fundamentals of art techniques and creation
- TeenStudio, a series of workshops where teens work directly with some of our region’s most gifted artists and art educators
- ArtStudio classes for adults, beginners to advanced, from the basics of drawing to the fine detailing of master portraiture or watercolor techniques, and a variety of media including oils, pastels, clay, and more
- Art History, learning about the hidden symbols in art.

Shop the Farmers Market every Saturday



The Downtown Santa Clara Farmers Market continues year-round every Saturday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Jackson Street between Benton and Homestead. Each season brings in new crops of fruits and vegetables fresh from the farm. Check out colorful bouquets of cut flowers for your home, or plants for your patio and garden. Baked goods and specialty dishes are also available to enjoy while listening to music and enjoying the fresh air with friends and neighbors.

City Public Meeting Schedule

Board of Library Trustees*	1st Monday	6:30 pm
Citizens Advisory Committee	4th Monday	7:00 pm
City Council	Two Tuesdays per month	7:00 pm
Civil Service Commission	2nd Monday	7:00 pm
Cultural Advisory Commission	1st Monday	7:30 pm
Historical & Landmarks Commission	1st Thursday	7:00 pm
International Exchange Commission	1st Tuesday	7:00 pm
Parks & Recreation Commission	3rd Tuesday	7:00 pm
Planning Commission	One Wednesday per month	7:00 pm
Senior Advisory Commission**	4th Monday	10:00 am
Youth Commission (during the school year)***	2nd Tuesday	6:00 pm

Some commissions/committees meet monthly and others meet semi-monthly. Agendas for City Council, Board and Commission meetings are posted at the City Clerk’s Office at City Hall, the Central Park Library and Mission Library, and on the City website, at least 3 days before the listed meeting. Complete agenda packets with back-up reports for City Council meetings are available at either City Library beginning Saturday before the Tuesday meetings, or at the City Clerk’s Office on weekdays. The City website also allows for the viewing of Council Agenda Reports online. Visit santaclaraca.gov and search for “City Meetings.”

* Meeting is at Central Park Library, 2635 Homestead Road
** Meeting is at the Senior Center, 1303 Fremont Street
*** Meeting is at Teen Center, 2446 Cabrillo Avenue

Online schedule: santaclaraca.gov
Dates and times may vary. Call 408-615-2220 for information.

City of Santa Clara Code of Ethics & Values

Ethical
Professional
Service-Oriented
Fiscally Responsible
Organized
Communicative
Collaborative
Progressive

Ethics Every Day: Making
Ethical Values a Good Habit



**CITY OF SANTA CLARA
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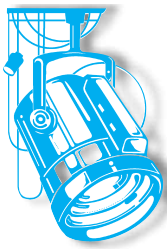
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City Goals and Priorities 2011-2013

The City Council priority is to focus on successful completion of existing City projects, postpone new City projects and proposals, and operate within Council-adopted budget principles and priorities, with the goal of guiding the City successfully to economic recovery. (The complete Council Principles and Priorities 2011-2013 can be found on the City website. Visit santaclaraca.gov and search for “Council Goals.”)

City Mission Statement

The mission of the City of Santa Clara is to promote a living and working environment that allows for the best quality of life by serving the community with resourceful, efficient, progressive and professional leadership.
- Adopted by Council action, July 25, 1989 -



SPOTLIGHT ON CITY
BOARD, COMMISSIONS
AND COMMITTEES

Apply now for 2012-13 Youth
Commission

Santa Clara residents age 12-19 who want to learn more and participate in the government process are invited to apply for the 2012-13 Youth Commission.

Applications will be available beginning January 23 at the Teen Center, Community Recreation Center, Youth Activity Center, Central Park Library, City Hall, and Santa Clara Unified School District middle and high school counseling and ASB offices. The application and letter of recommendation must be returned to the Teen Center no later than Monday, March 26 at 6 p.m. Oral interviews will be conducted in person, on Saturday, April 21. No exceptions will be made for the interview date.

If you have any questions about Youth Commission or the application process, contact Jennifer Herb at 408-615-3740.

Deadlines near for Commission,
Committee openings

Four of the City’s Commissions and one Committee have openings for Santa Clara residents who want to become more involved in the community.

January 4 is the deadline for applications for two openings on the Historical & Landmarks Commission and two openings on the International Exchange Commission. Applicants for one vacancy on the Cultural Advisory Commission and two vacancies on the Senior Advisory Commission have until January 18 to submit their applications. Applications for one opening on the Housing Rehabilitation Loan Committee are not due until February 8.

“As a native Santa Claran, when I finally joined a Commission, I then wondered why I waited so long,” said Ray Gamma, Parks & Recreation Commissioner. “I had done other volunteer work in the community, but serving on a Commission is especially rewarding. I do feel that my input is making a difference in the quality of life of our City.”

Kathy Watanabe, a 3-year member of the Board of Library Trustees agreed. “I have met and worked with fellow residents who share my interests and concerns even though our backgrounds may be different and we live in different neighborhoods. Together we bring broad perspectives to City and community leadership that I feel are important to help form good recommendations for Council consideration.”

For more information on the duties of Commissioners and Committee Members and their schedules of meeting dates and times, visit the City website santaclaraca.gov or call the City Clerk’s Office at 408-615-2220.

Apply for college scholarships

The City of Santa Clara Youth Commission offers community service scholarships to high school juniors and graduating seniors who reside in Santa Clara, have a minimum 2.5 grade point average, and have contributed to the community. Last year the Youth Commission granted \$3,000 in scholarships.

Beginning January 23, applications are available at the Teen Center, Community Recreation Center, Santa Clara and Wilcox High School counseling and ASB offices, Central Park Library and City Hall. The application and essays must be returned to the Teen Center no later than Monday, March 26 at 6 p.m. Oral interviews will be conducted in person, on Saturday, April 21. No exceptions will be made for the interview date.

If you have any questions about the application process, contact Jennifer Herb at 408-615-3740.

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care and to provide additional comfort for animals. Tax deductible donations can be made online at svaca.com or sent by mail to: SVACA Animal Assistance Fund, 3370 Thomas Rd., Santa Clara, CA, 95054.

Other services provided by SVACA include spay and neuter clinics, animal licensing and investigations of animal abuse. SVACA is a joint powers authority that provides animal care and control services to the cities of Campbell, Monte Sereno and Santa Clara. Adoption services and volunteer opportunities are open to all residents in the Bay Area.

Teens develop leadership skills

The Leaders in Training Experience (L.I.T.E) program helps teens ages 14-16 enhance planning and decision making skills, increase interpersonal competence and strengthen self esteem. Participants also develop friendships, earn community service hours, and learn what goes on “behind the scenes” of a Parks & Recreation Program.

Applicants chosen for the L.I.T.E program will volunteer at one of the summer day camps, where they assist recreation staff in leading activities, songs, arts and crafts projects, fieldtrips and more. Leaders In Training are required to commit to a week of in-service training during the beginning of June and two weeks volunteering at a day camp site between June 11 and August 3.

L.I.T.E applications will be available at the Teen Center, Walter E. Schmidt Youth Activity Center, Community Recreation Center and City Libraries beginning Wednesday, Feb. 15. Deadline for applications is 5:30 p.m., Wednesday, April 18.

Help stamp out graffiti

Graffiti is detrimental to property values, quality of life and community attractiveness. When graffiti is allowed to remain, it invites yet more graffiti and may lead to an increase in vandalism and other criminal activity. Rapid removal is considered key to controlling and eradicating graffiti.

To report graffiti on public property: Contact the Street Department at 408-615-3080 and provide the location and describe what was vandalized. If possible, also provide any suspect information and time when you may have witnessed the vandalism. Your report will be directed to the appropriate person for graffiti removal. If the graffiti is on another agency’s property (not on City property), the City will work directly with the other agency for the timely removal of the graffiti.

To report graffiti on private property: Contact the Street Department at 408-615-3080. Street Department personnel will notify the property owners about the graffiti on their property, and request that it be removed as swiftly as possible. In some cases, the Street Department will assist with the graffiti removal on private property through a Graffiti Abatement Program.

To report information about graffiti suspects: Call the Police Department’s Dial-a-tip/Graffiti Hotline at 408-241-9495 to report graffiti suspect information.

To report graffiti in progress: Dial 9-1-1 to report graffiti or other crimes in progress.

Information leading to the identity and apprehension of a person who defaces any building or property with graffiti in the City of Santa Clara may qualify for a monetary reward of \$250 through the Graffiti Eradication Program.

Original artwork discourages graffiti

A pilot program to discourage graffiti on traffic signal controller cabinets – a favorite blank canvas for “taggers” – has been launched by the City’s Cultural Advisory Commission. The project at the Kaiser Homestead entrance covered the grey metal utility box with hand-painted original artwork of a multi-color basket of flowers.

The anti-graffiti tactic has been successful in other cities. In addition to deterring graffiti, the artwork adds color and interest to the utilitarian objects that are found on busy intersections.

The next utility box could be painted by YOU! If you’re a junior or senior high school student in Santa Clara, you are invited to submit your original design to the Cultural Advisory Commission for judging. The theme is “A Reflection of Your Community,” and it can be your idea about what represents your surroundings, the City of Santa Clara, or what you hope for the future of Santa Clara. The winner will receive a small scholarship and the opportunity to paint his/her design on next utility box. The deadline to enter is February 29, 2012.

The program is funded through donations to the “Keep Santa Clara Clean” trust fund. For more information and entry forms, contact the Cultural Advisory Commission Liaison at 408-615-2210. Entry forms are also available on the City’s website at www.santaclaraca.gov.





BE SAFE!

Make your disaster supplies kit a family project

Disasters all have one thing in common – they happen quickly and without warning. The best way to protect your family and your home is by preparing for the unexpected with a disaster supplies kit and an emergency plan.

Involving children in gathering supplies and talking about what to do if there is an earthquake, fire, or another disaster will help them be better prepared to handle whatever might occur. One helpful activity is for children to create a calendar marking the dates of when smoke detector batteries should be replaced or when water, food and batteries should be rotated with fresh supplies.

Here are the basic supplies for a disaster supply kit that would allow your family to be self-sufficient for at least 72 hours. Be sure there are kits at home, in the car, and at work.

- **Water**—three gallons for each person who would use the kit and an additional four gallons per person, or pet, for use if you are confined to your home
- **Food**—a three-day supply in the kit and at least an additional four-day supply per person, or pet, for use at home. You may want to consider stocking a two-week supply of food and water in your home.
- **Items for infants**—including formula, diapers, bottles, pacifiers, powdered milk and medications not requiring refrigeration
- **Items for seniors, disabled persons or anyone with serious allergies**—including special foods, denture items, extra eyeglasses, hearing aid batteries, prescription and non-prescription medications that are regularly used, inhalers and other essential equipment.
- **Kitchen accessories**—a manual can opener, mess kits or disposable cups, plates and utensils, utility knife, sugar and salt, aluminum foil and plastic wrap, re-sealable plastic bags
- **A portable, battery-powered radio or television and extra fresh batteries**
- **Several flashlights and extra fresh batteries**
- **A first-aid kit**
- **One complete change of clothing and footwear for each person**—including sturdy work shoes or boots, raingear and other items adjusted for the season, such as hats and gloves, thermal underwear, sunglasses, dust masks
- **Blankets or a sleeping bag for each person**
- **Sanitation and hygiene items**—shampoo, deodorant, toothpaste, toothbrushes, comb and brush, lip balm, sunscreen, contact lenses and supplies, any medications regularly used, toilet paper, baby wipes, soap, hand sanitizer, liquid detergent, feminine supplies, plastic garbage bags (heavy-duty) and ties (for personal sanitation uses), medium-sized plastic bucket with tight lid, disinfectant, household chlorine bleach
- **Other essential items**—paper, pencil, needles, thread, small A-B-C-type fire extinguisher, medicine dropper, whistle, emergency preparedness manual
- **Entertainment**—including games and books, favorite dolls and stuffed animals for small children
- **A map of the area** marked with places you could go and their telephone numbers
- **An extra set of keys and IDs**—including keys for cars and any properties owned and copies of driver’s licenses, passports and work identification badges
- **Cash and coins and copies of credit cards**
- **Copies of medical prescriptions**
- **Matches** in a waterproof container
- **A small tent, compass and shovel**

Pack the items in easy-to-carry containers, label the containers clearly and store them where they would be easily accessible. Duffle bags, backpacks, and covered trash receptacles are good candidates for containers. In a disaster situation, you may need access to your disaster supplies kit quickly—whether you are sheltering at home or evacuating. Following a disaster, having the right supplies can help your household endure home confinement or evacuation.

Disaster Supplies Kit Checklist for Pets

- Food and water for at least three days for each pet, food and water bowls and a manual can opener
- Depending on the pet, litter and litter box or newspapers, paper towels, plastic trash bags, grooming items, and household bleach
- Medications and medical records stored in a waterproof container, a

first aid kit and a pet first aid book

- Sturdy leashes, harnesses and carriers to transport pets safely and to ensure that your pets cannot escape. A carrier should be large enough for the animal to stand comfortably, turn around, and lie down. Your pet may have to stay in the carrier for hours. They may require blankets or towels for bedding and warmth and other special items
- Pet toys and the pet’s bed, if you can easily take it, to reduce stress
- Current photos and descriptions of your pets to help others identify them in case you and your pets become separated, and to prove they belong to you
- Information on feeding schedules, medical conditions, behavior problems and the name and telephone number of your veterinarian in case you have to board your pets or place them in foster care.

For more information on disaster preparedness, you can visit the following websites: American Red Cross at redcross.org, U.S. Department of Homeland Security at ready.gov or the California Office of Emergency Services at oes.ca.gov.

“Earthquake season” is every day in the Bay Area

Scientists estimate there is a 67 percent probability of an earthquake with a magnitude of 7.0 or larger occurring on the San Andreas, Hayward, or Rodgers Creek faults in the San Francisco Bay Area sometime during the next 30 years. It could be in 2040 – or it could be tomorrow.

If a major earthquake struck in your area today, you might be without direct assistance for up to 72 hours. Are you prepared to be self-sufficient? Is your family? Is your neighborhood?



During the Earthquake:

Drop: When you feel an earthquake, drop under a sturdy desk or table. Try to stay away from windows, tall bookcases, and other heavy objects that might fall. If you cannot find a desk or table, get into a doorway or hallway, or brace yourself against an interior wall.

Cover: Stay under cover until the shaking stops. If you are in a doorway, watch out for the swinging door. If you are in an open area, kneel down and cover your head with a book or anything else you can find.

Hold: Hold onto the desk or table. As it moves, move with it. Hold on until the shaking stops.

High-Rise Buildings: If you are in a high-rise building, and cannot get under a desk, move to an interior wall. Do not use the elevators. Don’t be surprised if the electricity goes out.

Outdoors: If you are outdoors, move to a clear area away from trees, power lines, signs and buildings.

Sidewalk Near a Building: Duck into a doorway to protect yourself from falling bricks, glass, and other debris.

Driving: Pull over to the side of the road. Avoid bridges, power lines, and other hazards. Stay in the car until the shaking stops.

Kitchen: If you are in your kitchen, move away from heavy appliances such as refrigerators. Avoid areas with overhead cupboards and hanging objects.

Stadium or Theater: If you are in a stadium or theater, stay in your seat and protect your head with your arms. Do not try to leave until the shaking is over.

Don’t Panic: Above all, remain calm.

After the Earthquake:

Aftershocks: Be prepared for aftershocks.

Check for Injuries: Check yourself and those around you for injuries. Administer first-aid as needed.

Check Utilities: Check your utilities. If you suspect that the gas, water or electrical wiring is damaged, turn them off. Use a flashlight or light stick to check your utilities. DO NOT use matches, candles or other open flame.

Monitor the radio: Don’t go sightseeing. Cooperate with public safety officials. Use a transistor radio to monitor the Emergency Alert System (EAS) for news and information.

Telephones: Try to minimize your use of telephones. If you see telephones off the hook, hang them up. This will help the telephone company to restore service.

Cabinets and Cupboards: When opening cabinets and cupboards, use

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caution. The contents of the cabinet may have shifted up against the door and may fall on you when the door is opened.

Stay out of Damaged Buildings: Don't go into damaged buildings until they have been declared safe by building inspectors.

Organize Your Emergency Supplies: Take the time to put together emergency supplies for your family. You should have adequate supplies and water to last your family at least 72 hours.

The Santa Clara Fire Department offers the Home Emergency Assistance Team (H.E.A.T.) program to train individuals on how to help others after an earthquake. For information regarding this training, contact the Santa Clara Fire Department's Training Division at 408-615-4940.

Change smoke detector batteries twice a year



Most fatal fires occur at night while you are asleep. Having a properly maintained and working smoke detector more than doubles your chances of survival.

Although most homes have a smoke detector, it is estimated that one third of these are not

working, usually because the battery is dead. The Santa Clara Fire Department recommends testing the smoke detectors in your home once a month and changing the batteries twice a year. Using the day in the fall and the day in the spring when the time changes is a good way to remember this safety precaution.

A minimum of one smoke detector in every bedroom and in the main corridor outside of all sleeping areas is the best protection. For multi-story homes, an additional smoke detector should be placed on every floor.

When there is a fire, you have little time. A residential home can be totally consumed in flames in less than five minutes. Since most fires occur between 2 a.m. and 6 a.m., while most people are sleeping, the alarm of a smoke detector is your first line of defense.

So remember, on March 11, when Daylight Savings Time begins, while you are changing the time on your clocks, also take the time to change the battery of your smoke detectors. It could save you and your family's life!

For further information regarding fire and life safety, call the Santa Clara Fire Marshal's Office at 408-615-4970.

Weeds are a fire danger

Fueled by winter rains, the annual onslaught of weeds is well under way. The annual grasses and weeds that provide a carpet of green through late winter and early spring quickly dry out in late spring and early summer. Properties that have weeds left unabated pose many problems, including blight for neighboring properties, harborage for rodents and fire hazard.

When the weeds are lush green, they are full of moisture, which restricts their ability to burn. As the temperature climbs, the weeds turn brown and dry out. A series of hot days can actually preheat the weeds. If the weeds are ignited, fire spreads quickly.

The Fire Department urges residents to survey their property and clear any dried vegetation that could pose a hazard. Weeds can be cut, pulled or mowed. Sprays are also available and can be applied during the winter and early spring to prevent the weeds from growing.

If you need additional Clean Green carts for weeds and other compostable yard waste materials (only grass clippings, weeds, leaves, palm fronds, hedge and shrubbery cuttings, small tree branches and tree trimmings, plant materials and flowers), an additional 95-gallon cart or a smaller 68-gallon cart is available at no additional charge. To request an extra cart, call Mission Trail Waste Systems at 408-727-5365.

If your property is considered a burrowing owl habitat and there are owls inhabiting your property, care must be taken not to disturb the nesting sites since law protects the owls. The preferred and recommended method for abating weeds on properties, which contain burrowing owls, is mowing since this has the least impact on the owls.

For questions or complaints regarding weeds, contact the Santa Clara Fire Marshal's Office at 408-615-4970.

Keep construction waste out of storm drains



Spring means the start of many new home improvement projects that may involve concrete or cement-related products. Residents need to be aware of the need to closely monitor the disposal of these products, including plaster and tile cuttings, to make sure they do not go into the storm drain system.

The primary purpose of storm drains is to carry storm water runoff away from developed areas to prevent flooding. They are not connected to sanitary sewer systems or treatment plants. The water (and any pollutants) in storm drains flows directly to local creeks, rivers, lakes and estuaries, which eventually go to San Francisco Bay, with no treatment. Pollutants in storm water runoff can have an adverse effect on fish, invertebrates and the aquatic environment. If contractors aren't careful with concrete, mortar or masonry wastes, these materials can be easily washed into storm drains and eventually into San Francisco Bay.

Following concrete delivery, it is a typical practice to rinse the excess concrete from trucks, chutes, and other equipment before the material can harden. Concrete finishing activities, such as exposed aggregate for driveways, use wash water to remove the surface of the concrete to create the desired finish. Some concrete contractors hose cementitious waste and construction materials into the gutter and down the storm drain. Concrete/cement wash water is highly alkaline, contains fine sediments and suspended solids that have a detrimental and toxic effect on fish and other aquatic life. Concrete rinsed to the storm drain system will solidify in the curbs, gutters, drains and pipes, restrict water flow, may cause blockages and is prohibited by law.

Residents can protect water quality and prevent stormwater pollution by making sure the contractor is careful with the handling and disposal of concrete during home improvement projects. Only use reputable contractors. If you have questions about whether a contractor is properly licensed to do the work, contact the California State Contractors License Board at 1-800-321-CSLB (2752). Inform contractors that rinsing trucks or equipment in the street or near a storm drain endangers wildlife in our creeks and the Bay – and it's illegal! In the case where a municipality is involved with concrete/masonry clean-up, the responsible party is liable for the full cost of the municipality's clean-up. Costs include clean-up, as well as the removal and proper disposal of all debris and construction waste from the exterior of the work site. If you notice any unusual substance in or around your storm drain or creeks, or if you witness an illegal dumping violation in the City of Santa Clara, immediately call 9-1-1.

If you use contractors, make sure your contractor:

- 1) Establishes a cleanup area before starting work;
- 2) Minimizes use of water in cleanup;
- 3) Rinses mixers, tools, and trailers and equipment onto an isolated dirt area where rinse water won't run into the gutter, or places a wheelbarrow under the chute and/or other equipment to catch rinse water, and wheels it to a dirt area for disposal;
- 4) Rinses exposed aggregate onto a dirt area away from streets, storm drains or creeks;
- 5) Uses the preferred practice for disposing cement wash water, which is to contain the wash water on soil, preferably in a bowl-shaped area to prevent the wash water from flowing out of the washout area;
- 6) Is familiar with the practices listed, or includes them in your contract.

Remember that you are responsible for your contractor's actions. Keep our creeks and the Bay clean and healthy for fish, wildlife and future generations by protecting the storm drains. Questions? Contact the Street Department at 408-615-3080.

Street Sweeping

The City sweeps residential streets clean, usually one day after the garbage collection day, on a minimum schedule of every other week, but often weekly. For those with garbage service on Friday, street sweeping is usually Monday. Residents are asked to not park on the street on the assigned street sweeping day so that sweepers can reach the curb. Leaves raked from your yard and other yard waste should not be piled on the street, swept into the gutter or block the storm drain - - sweeping vehicles are not designed to pick up large piles of leaves from the street or gutter. Instead, place all green waste in your wheeled Green Waste cart for weekly collection. Residents with questions may contact the Street Department at 408-615-3080. Those residents who live in multi-family complexes without Green Waste service, and are therefore uncertain what day their streets are usually swept, should also contact the Street Department for assistance. To inquire about the street sweeping schedule on furlough days, call the Street Department at 408-615-3080.



End the holiday season by recycling the tree

The holiday season's final tradition is putting the tree out for curbside recycling. This year, trees will be picked up on your regular solid waste collection day during the week of January 9-13. Here's what to do:



- Remove all ornaments, tinsel, nails, and the stand. Flocked trees cannot be recycled, so they will be collected and disposed of as garbage.
- Place the stripped tree next to the garbage and Clean Green cart setouts at the curb on your regular collection day.
- Holiday trees from small businesses and residents who miss the curbside collection may be dropped off at the southwest corner of the intersection of San Tomas Expressway and Monroe Streets. The drop-off will be available during the week of January 9-13, between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. only.
- Multi-family residents can set out their holiday trees on the nearest public street for pickup on the assigned single family home garbage/recycling collection days. Call 408-615-2063 to find out assigned garbage/recycling days in particular areas.
- Trees may also be recycled after January 13 by cutting up the tree and placing the pieces in the Clean Green cart.

For more information on holiday tree recycling, call 408-615-2063.

Extra garbage collection available

Whether it's cleaning up from the holidays or working on spring cleaning projects, there may be times when residents have more trash than their garbage cart can handle. Extra garbage collection is available.

Residents may set out two additional 30-gallon plastic garbage bags on their regular solid waste collection day during the week of January 2-6 at no extra charge.

At any other time during the year, additional 30-gallon plastic bags of garbage tied with "extra bag" tags (\$4.00 each) may be placed at the curb for pickup on your regular solid waste collection day. Extra bag tags can be purchased at the Cashier's Counter in the Finance Department at City Hall, 1500 Warburton Ave., between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Tags may be ordered by mail by sending a self-addressed, stamped envelope and a check (payable to "City of Santa Clara") to the Utility Services Division, Finance Department, 1500 Warburton Ave., Santa Clara, CA 95050. Indicate the number of tags to be purchased and make the check payable for the exact amount of \$4.00 per tag.

Residential customers with front-load dumpsters are eligible to get one additional collection per year free of charge. To make an appointment for extra collection, call Mission Trail Waste Systems at 408-727-5365. For more information on extra garbage collection, call 408-615-2063.

Many materials can be recycled at curbside

Santa Clara's single-stream curbside recycling program provides single-family homes with a lidded, wheeled blue cart that can be used to recycle a wide variety of materials.

Recycle newspaper, mixed papers, glass bottles and jars, aluminum, bi-metal and tin cans, discharged metal spray paint cans, kitchen scrap metal (old non-Teflon pots or pans, clean aluminum foil and pie pans), and any plastic container, bottle or bag marked with a #1, #2, #3, #4, #5, or #7 inside of triangular arrow recycling symbol in the blue cart.

In addition, single-family homes may recycle used motor oil, used motor oil filters and compact fluorescent light bulbs. Used motor oil should be placed in one-gallon or less plastic screw-top containers provided by the resident, and used motor oil filters should be placed in clear plastic Ziploc-type bags. Used motor oil should be labeled "Waste Oil" and placed next to the blue cart, and bagged, drained motor oil filters should be placed on top of the blue cart. Compact fluorescent light bulbs should be placed in separate clear plastic Ziploc-type bags and set next to the blue cart for collection (bulbs only; NO fluorescent tubes).

Heavy or large cardboard containers that cannot fit in the blue wheeled cart should be broken down into 3' x 3' pieces, bundled with string or twine and stacked next to the blue cart.

Multi-family and commercial recycling now the law in California

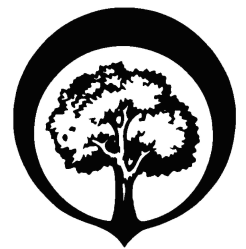
Assembly Bill 341 passed by the California Legislature in October 2011 requires that multi-family (five or more units) complexes and commercial businesses (generating more than 4 cubic yards of waste per week) participate in recycling programs effective July 1, 2012. AB 341 also sets a new statewide 75% landfill diversion goal for solid waste.

City staff is working with current recycling and solid waste contractors to contact all City customers who are subject to AB 341 mandates. The City currently has a 65% landfill diversion rate. Additional commercial and multi-family recycling efforts should help the City more toward the statewide goal of 75% landfill diversion.

Celebrate Arbor Day/Earth Day – Trees add to the beauty and health of the community



The thousands of trees on public and private land in Santa Clara add to the beauty and quality of life in the City. On Arbor Day/Earth Day, April 27, the City of Santa Clara will be presented with its 24th Tree City U.S.A. award from the National Arbor Day Foundation that recognizes the City for its effective tree care program. The community is invited to participate in the celebration at 10 a.m. on the grounds of the Triton Museum, 1505 Warburton Ave.



TREE CITY USA®

Tree care is a shared responsibility among the City, residents and businesses. Together, the combined efforts will help ensure that Santa Clara's urban forest remain green and healthy.

Street trees are those located in the property frontage within the City's right-of-way easement, usually the front yard of a residence. The City invests in the purchase, planting, maintaining and removal (if necessary) of City street trees. Property owners are responsible only for watering and fertilizing the trees.

If a street tree needs to be trimmed or is suspected to have disease problems, call the Street Department at 408-615-3080. Having a City street tree trimmed or removed by anyone other than City personnel is punishable by a fine of up to \$1,000, plus the cost of replacing the tree and any associated administrative costs. Call the same number if you'd like to be placed on a list to have a street tree.

Trees located on private property also require maintenance and careful trimming, and that is the responsibility of the property owner. In the fall, trees on private property along several major thoroughfares in Santa Clara were pruned improperly, with branches cut down to stubs. The growth that will come back this spring after this type of pruning is called "sucker growth," which is weakly attached and makes the tree prone to branch break-offs during high winds.

Before pruning trees on private property, residents and business owners are encouraged to consult with a local nursery, such as Summerwinds Nursery on El Camino Real, for tree trimming advice before doing it yourself, or hire an arborist and tree trimming company certified by the International Society of Arboriculture.

Trees absorb sound, generate oxygen, deflect wind, provide shade, purify air, increase property values, control erosion and conserve energy. Having beautiful, healthy trees on public and private property helps to make Santa Clara the outstanding community it is today and in the future.

Clean-Up Campaign is March 12 –April 6

Santa Clara’s 52nd Annual Clean-Up Campaign begins on March 12 and continues through April 6. This is your opportunity to set out bulky wastes and discards not routinely collected by weekly garbage, Clean Green and recycling collection services. Please read the following information carefully to help make the 2012 Clean-Up Campaign a success.

Collection Areas and Dates

The City has been divided into four collection areas (see map). Information on collection areas, weeks and setout dates can be found in this article and in the 2012 City Calendar or in your February utility bill insert *Mission City SCENES*.

Area #1 (March 12): Both sides of Monroe Street. Set out material beginning Saturday, March 10, and not later than 7 a.m. on Monday, March 12.

Area #2 (March 19): Both sides of Homestead Road between San Tomas Expressway and Lawrence Expressway. Set out material beginning Saturday, March 17, and not later than 7 a.m. on Monday, March 19.

Area #3 (March 26): Both sides of Newhall Street between Saratoga Avenue and Winchester Boulevard. Both sides of Saratoga Avenue between Scott Boulevard and Pruneridge Avenue. North side of Pruneridge Avenue between Saratoga Avenue and Lawrence Expressway. Set out material beginning Saturday, March 24, and not later than 7 a.m. on Monday, March 26.

Area #4 (April 2): South side of Pruneridge Avenue and north side of Pruneridge Avenue west of Lawrence Expressway and east of Saratoga Avenue. Set out material beginning Saturday, March 31, and not later than 7 a.m. on Monday, April 2.

What will and won’t be collected

Materials for the Clean-Up Campaign should be placed in the gutter in front of your house before 7 a.m. on the Monday of your designated collection week.

NO food or bathroom waste, garbage, automobiles, automobile parts containing fluids, medical waste, liquids, explosives, ammunition, or hazardous wastes (including batteries or fluorescent bulbs or tubes) will be accepted.

Contractor-generated materials (construction or demolition debris, landscaping debris, tree trimmings/removal) are subject to a charge of \$25 per cubic yard.

Appliances, tires and e-waste (i.e., electronic waste; anything requiring a plug or battery to operate) cannot go into the landfill and should be set out separately from the rest of your CUC materials. Special crews will pick up these items. It is the owner’s responsibility to remove any appliance door with latch mechanisms prior to setout to prevent accidents.

Brush, branches, and wood should be cut to 6-foot lengths, stacked separately from other materials and placed parallel to the curb. Green waste can also be disposed of through the weekly Clean Green collection program at no extra charge.

Hazardous materials may be disposed of through the County’s Household Hazardous Drop-Off Program on April 28. Call 408-299-7300 for an appointment or make an appointment online at hhw.org.

Follow the rules

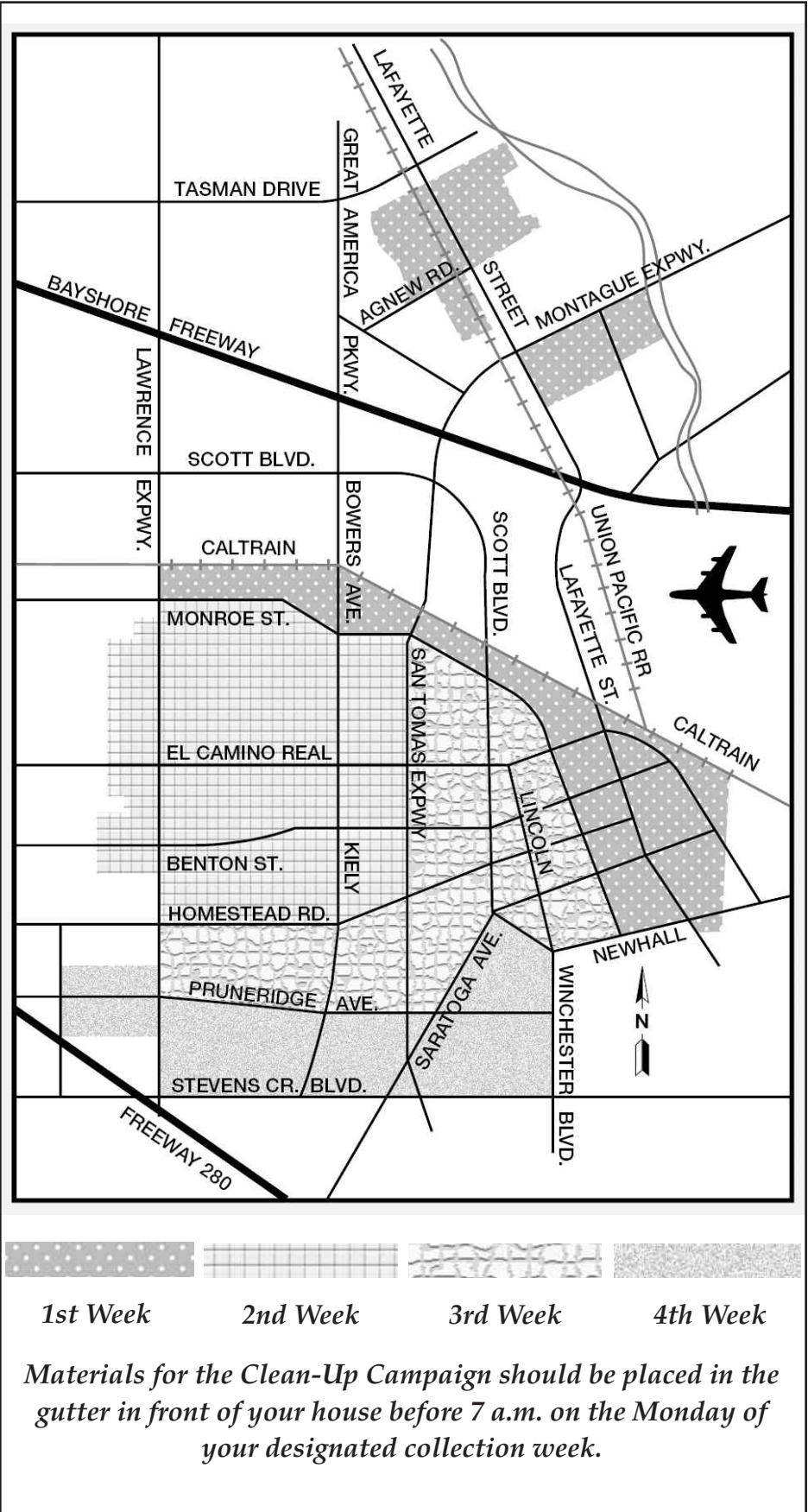
- Park vehicles in your garage or driveway during your assigned collection week so it is easier for Clean-Up crews to maneuver. If you must park on the street, please park at least five feet away from piles.
- Use the Countywide Household Hazardous Waste Program to dispose of hazardous waste (paint, batteries, oil, antifreeze, household chemicals, medical waste, Sharps containers, pesticides, solvents, thinners, chlorine, fluorescent bulbs/tubes, etc). These materials pose a health and safety risk to Clean-Up crews and the environment when placed in piles. A Household Hazardous Waste drop-off event will be held in Santa Clara on Saturday, April 28. You can make an appointment to attend the Santa Clara drop-off event, or any of the other scheduled drop-off events held throughout the County, by calling 408-299-7300 or online at hhw.org. Illegal set-out of hazardous materials is subject to a \$500 fine.
- Do not set out materials in the street before the Saturday prior to your assigned collection week. Early set-outs alert people who do not live in Santa Clara that the Clean-Up Campaign is starting. Illegal dumping and scavenging are more prevalent in areas with early set-outs. Early set-outs (prior to the Saturday preceding your collection week) are subject to a \$100 fine.
- If you witness illegal dumping, get the driver and vehicle description, and vehicle license number and call 408-615-3080 (Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.) or 408-615-5580 (after 4 p.m. and weekends).
- A total of one cubic yard of concrete, asphalt, dirt, brick, rock, stone or sod generated from a single residence will be collected at no charge. Additional amounts are subject to a charge of \$25 per cubic yard.
- Materials set out late will be collected for a fee of \$25 per cubic yard. Late set-outs are materials placed in the street after 7 a.m. on the Monday of your collection week.

- Do not place piles in front of curbs painted red for “No Parking,” as large piles can obstruct the view of motorists pulling out of driveways. Do not place piles in alleys or private streets, or against fences, retaining walls, hydrants, or landscaping.
- Materials must be placed in the street, by the curb, in front of the house where the materials are generated (if a private street, materials must be placed on nearest public street). Placing materials in front of a neighbor’s house will be deemed illegal dumping.
- Do NOT trim or remove City street trees. This is a violation of City Code 12.35.020 and subject to a \$1,000 fine and all associated replacement costs. Call 408-615-3080 for information.
- Violation notices will be left at homes where materials have been improperly set out. If you have questions about what can be set out or need assistance in determining which collection area you live in, please contact the Street Department at 408-615-3080.

Reminder: Many items that are placed out each year can be reused or recycled. Please use the following list to call non-profit organizations to collect usable items:

Hope Rehabilitation Services	408-748-2875
United Cancer Research Society	800-443-4224
RAFT – Resource Area For Teachers	408-451-1420
St. Vincent de Paul	408-993-9500
Salvation Army	408-958-7825
Cityteam Family Services	408-293-4657
American Cancer Society	408-265-5535
San Jose Family Shelter	408-926-8885
Santa Clara Children’s Shelter	408-558-5400

For additional organizations that accept items for reuse, contact the County Recycling Hotline at 800-533-8414. For additional information on the Annual Clean-Up Campaign, contact the City at 408-615-3080.





Many activities to place on your new 2012 calendar

Healthy New You in 2012

Start the New Year off right with a series of classes at the Santa Clara Central Park Library focused on the total well being of body and mind. Each segment of "Healthy New You in 2012" will provide easy-to-follow information on how to take better care of ourselves:

- Tuesday, Jan. 10 at 2 p.m. - Hypertension class taught by Kaiser staff
- Tuesday, Jan. 24 at 6:30 p.m. - Alice Hancock from Whole Foods will discuss healthy eating
- Saturday, Jan. 28 at 1 p.m. - Master Gardener series
- Tuesday, Feb. 7 at 6:30 p.m. - gentle yoga with Julie Moore
- Saturday, Feb. 25 at 1 p.m. - Master Gardener series
- Tuesday, Feb. 28 at 6:30 p.m. - meditation with Leah Gronlund
- Tuesday, March 6 at 6:30 p.m. - tai chi with Nick Huang
- Saturday, March 24 at 1 p.m. - Master Gardener series
- Tuesday, March 27 at 6:30 p.m. - stress reduction with Leah Gronlund
- Tuesday, April 3 at 6:30 p.m. - anti-aging and stress management using natural medicine
- Saturday, April 28 at 1 p.m. - Master Gardener series.

To sign up for any of these classes, call the Reference Desk at 408-615-2900.

Programs for youth and parents

Several programs for families are scheduled at the Santa Clara City Library in 2012 including:

- Saturday, Jan. 14 at 2 p.m. – Performance of Firebird Youth Chinese Orchestra to celebrate Chinese New Year
- Monday, Feb. 13 at 6:30 p.m. – Preschool Explorations Fair with representatives of local preschools

Dates to be determined for parent education classes – check the Library's website calendar or call Youth Services at 408-615-2916.

Genealogy programs

The Santa Clara County Historical & Genealogical Society (SCCHGS) is sponsoring these informative programs at the Santa Clara City Library. All programs are in the Cedar Room unless otherwise noted:

- Tuesday, Jan. 17 at 6:15 p.m. – "Quaker Research" with Jeff Moore describing his experience in documenting hundreds of Quaker lives using church, meeting and other records
- Saturday, Feb. 4 at 1 p.m., Redwood Room – "Ancestry.com Search Techniques" with Laura Dansbury discussing features of the website that will help you organize and share your family tree, break down "brick walls" and make use of advanced search techniques
- Tuesday, Feb. 21 at 6:15 p.m., Redwood Room – "Getting Ready for the 1940 Census: Searching Without A Name Index" with Steve Morse explaining how to use Enumeration District locations to access the 1940 Census before the name index is released in April 2012.
- Tuesday, March 20 at 6:15 p.m. – "What's New for Genealogists and Local History Researchers at Central Park Library" with Mary Hanel reviewing new reference books and resources
- Tuesday, April 17 at 6:15 p.m. – "Genealogy Society's 55th Anniversary Celebration" with treats, displays and sharing of stories about great family history discoveries

Santa Clara Players take the stage

Santa Clara Players celebrates 50 years of quality community theatre with two productions in the first half of 2012:

- February 24 - March 17 – "Dial M for Murder," a classic mystery by Frederick Knott about a husband who arranges the perfect murder of his wife in order to inherit her money
- May 18 - June 9 – "The Nerd," a comedy with a twist about an aspiring architect and his "nerdy" friend who once saved his life but now is turning his life upside down

For more information about these plays or for tickets, call 408-248-7993 or visit scplayers.org.

Monthly book sales

Add to your private book collection, find a bargain and support the Santa Clara City Library. The Friends of the Library Book Sale will be held Jan. 21, Feb. 18, Mar. 17, Apr. 21 and May 19, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Central Park Library Cedar Room, 2635 Homestead Road. Visit lovethelibrary.org for more information about the Santa Clara City Library Foundation and Friends or call 408-615-2936.

April Train Show at historic Santa Clara Depot

Operating model trains on two museum quality displays, numerous historic artifacts, and a preserved historic depot all provide focal points for the Train Show and Open House at the Santa Clara Depot on Saturday and Sunday, April 14-15, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day.

This program is one of two fundraisers held each year to support the operations at the Edward Peterman Museum of Railroad History. The museum is housed in the former Southern Pacific Depot, built in 1863, adjacent to the Caltrain tracks.

A major 18-month construction project to improve safety at the Caltrain Depot should be completed by the April dates. This will enable the museum to again host visitors to the historic railroad switch tower and the historic former Oregon Washington Railroad and Navigation Company business car parked alongside the depot.

Meanwhile, the model railroads – one HO-scale (1:87) and one N-scale (1:160), demonstrate western railroading. Each layout, set in timeframes ending about 1960, illustrate structures, businesses, industries and motor vehicles typical of the era. Many of the operating trains are typical of that era and others are more contemporary trains.

Another feature of the show is the Company Store, where guests can purchase a variety of used model railroad locomotives and rolling stock, books, videos and DVDs about real and model railroading, and various artifacts.

A donation of \$5 for adults will be collected at the entrance to the depot. Admission for persons under 18 is free. More information at 408-243-3969 or visit the website sbhrs.org.

Exhibits at de Saisset Museum



The de Saisset Museum on the campus of Santa Clara University will feature five exhibits in early 2012, open to the public:

- January 13 - March 11 – "Golden States of Grace: Prayers of the Disinherited—A Photodocumentary by Rick Nahmias," a photographic series depicting eight different faith traditions in 11 diverse communities (pictured above).
- Through July 1 – "Andy Warhol: Polaroids and Portraits," a selection of poised and candid photos from the de Saisset Museum's permanent collection donated by the Andy Warhol Foundation for the Visual Arts 20th Anniversary Photographic Legacy Program.
- February 24 - July 1 – "Indelibly Yours: Smith Andersen Editions and the Tattoo Project," a selection of prints by 10 artists that explore the kinship between the process of marking on skin and the practice of drawing on a printing plate.
- April 13 - July 1 – "Clunkers to MTBs: The Evolution of the Mountain Bike," an exhibit of concept drawings, models and finished products that explore some of the key evolutionary moments in mountain bike design and culture plus photographs, prints, drawings and sculpture focused on the theme of the bicycle.

The museum is open Tuesday through Sunday, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., closed Mondays. Admission is free. For more information, call 408-554-4528 or visit the website scu.edu/desaisset.

Gymnastics classes for youngsters

The activity rarely stops at the Santa Clara Gymnastics Center, located at 3445 Benton St. Fun classes are held year round, and space is available for classes now! Your child can "Learn to Flip" or have fun indoors with you at

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Parent/Tot Gym classes. There are classes designed for children as young as 18 months up to 18 years old. The January session begins the week of January 2 and runs through February 24. Call 408-615-3140 for availability or registration information.

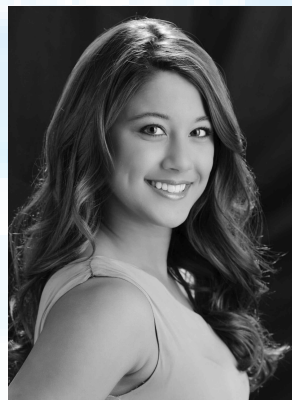
Fish Derby for ages 3-11

On Saturday, April 21, children age 3-11 can try their luck at fishing at the annual Fish Derby. This free event will be held from 6-11 a.m. at the Santa Clara Civic Center Plaza, where the reflection pool will be transformed into a fishing pond filled with active, healthy trout for the children to catch. Rods and bait will be provided. The Santa Clara Kiwanis Club, Santa Clara Elks Club, Santa Clara Lions Club, Mission City Community Fund, and Santa Clara Parks & Recreation Department sponsor this event, with support from a variety of local community groups. Call the Parks & Recreation Department at 408-615-2260 for more information.



Miss Santa Clara & Miss Santa Clara's Outstanding Teen Competitions

The Miss Santa Clara Competition, an official preliminary of the Miss California and Miss America Programs, will showcase the talents and accomplishments of local college, high school and middle school students in our community. Two competitions will be held on Jan. 7 – the Miss Santa Clara Competition (for women ages 17-24) and the Santa Clara's Outstanding Teen Competition (for girls ages 13-16).



Miss Santa Clara's
Outstanding Teen
2010
Jessa Carmack

This year, the Miss Santa Clara Auxiliary will award more than \$15,000 in educational scholarships. Contestants are guaranteed a minimum scholarship regardless of their standing at the end of the competition. There is no fee to enter the competition.

The competition will be held at the Mission City Center for Performing Arts, located at 3250 Monroe St. The Teen competition begins at 2 p.m. (doors open at 1:30 p.m.) and the Miss competition begins at 7 p.m. (doors open at 6:30 p.m.). Tickets are \$21 for each show with \$1 from each ticket sale will be donated to the Children's

Miracle Network. To purchase tickets in advance, contact Mary McCaman at 408-858-9364 or by email at dmccama@pacbell.net. For more information, go to the Miss Santa Clara website – misssantaclara.org.

Sister Cities Association spring events

- Saturday, Jan. 21 at 1 p.m. – “Second Annual Fundraiser Tea” at the Santa Clara Senior Center to help fund activities with Santa Clara's two sister cities, Coimbra, Portugal and Izumo, Japan. Tickets for the tea party are \$25, or \$200 for a table for eight. To reserve space, call Debi Davis at 408-687-0331 or email debid56@comcast.net.

- February 17 – deadline for applications for the “2012 Showcase of Young Artists and Authors.” University Art is sponsoring the Young Artists contest, and all applicants will receive a \$25 gift certificate. In memory of Bea Lichtenstein, the Santa Clara Historical & Landmarks Commission is sponsoring the Young Author's contest, with \$100.00 prize going to the best essay and poem. For application and contest details, call Debbie Pavao at 408-666-0586 or email her at dpavao.scsca@gmail.com.

Santa Clara Spring Garden Tour

The Historic Preservation Society of Santa Clara is hosting a tour of Santa Clara gardens on Saturday, May 12 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The tour includes the beautiful gardens at the Harris-Lass Historic Museum at 1889 Market St., plus the lovely landscaped gardens of several private homes in Santa Clara. You may also take a free home tour of the Harris-Lass House at a future date. The Museum Gift Shop will be open. For more information or garden tour tickets, call the Harris-Lass Museum message line at 408-249-7905. Advance ticket purchase is required.



Tea & Fashion Show

The lovely, shaded garden of the Harris-Lass Historic Museum at 1889 Market St. will be the setting for an Afternoon Tea & Vintage Fashion Show from 1 to 4 p.m. on Sunday, June 10, 2012. Guests will be served tea, scones, finger sandwiches, fruit and pastries, and will enjoy a vintage hat and fashion show. Attendees will also receive a pass to return at a later date for a private tour of the beautifully appointed Harris-Lass House. Tickets for this fundraiser are \$25 in advance. Purchase early as seating is limited. Please contact Maria at 408-246-3822 for more information or to reserve tickets for this fun event. Or leave an inquiry on the message line of the Harris-Lass House Museum at 408-249-7905.

Santa Clara Chorale performances

The Santa Clara Chorale celebrates its 50th anniversary – a half century of song – with these performances in the first half of 2012:

- Friday, March 16 at 8 p.m. – “Music of the Americas,” a concert at Mission Santa Clara exploring the native styles and folk traditions of the New World, from Canada's Cape Breton Island to Argentina's Tierra Del Fuego. Complete with banjos, guitars, and percussion, this diverse and upbeat program will include old-time and bluegrass favorites, music from the California and Mexican missions, Broadway favorites, African-American spirituals, and Argentinean favorites by Ariel Ramirez and Oscar Escalada. The concert will be repeated on Sunday, March 18, at 4 p.m. at First Baptist Church in Palo Alto.

- Friday, May 4 at 8 p.m. – “50th Anniversary Grand Finale” at Mission Santa Clara. The Chorale will be joined by the Symphony Silicon Valley for a program that includes Aaron Copland's *Fanfare for the Common Man*, Brahms' *Shicksalslied*, and the work more beloved by Chorale audiences than any other – Carl Orff's *Carmina Burana*. Join founder David Wilson, Lynn Shurtleff, Thomas Colohan, and Ryan James Brandau – all of the Chorale's artistic directors – for an unforgettable evening.

Tickets for Chorale performances may be purchased by phone at 408-883-4722 or online at the Chorale's website scc.org.

30th anniversary of Showtime melodrama



It's the 30th anniversary of Showtime, the annual production of an original melodrama by local talent that raises money to support the Senior Center's Health and Wellness program. This year's performance is called “Penelope of Pruneyard Patch” and it's scheduled for March 2, 3 and 4 at the Community Recreation Center,

969 Kiely Blvd. Curtain time is 7 p.m. on Friday and Saturday and 2 p.m. on Sunday. Doors open 90 minutes before the show.

“Penelope of Pruneyard Patch” was the original melodrama penned by Cleo Stuckrath for the first Showtime produced in 1982. Cleo, a long-time Santa Clara resident, championed this evening fundraiser of fun and entertainment. Audiences are encouraged to be part of the action by cheering for the hero and booing and hissing when the villain takes the stage. The evening also includes an olio of local talent, refreshments and raffle prizes.

Beginning Jan. 3rd, tickets for Showtime can be purchased from the Santa Clara Senior Center, 1303 Fremont St., and at the Community Recreation Center, 969 Kiely Blvd., during regular business hours. Tickets are \$7 for Saturday and Sunday performances, and \$5 for Friday's performance (the 1982 ticket price!). For more information, call 408-247-5927 or visit the website santaclarawomensleague.org/.



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Recycle on Environmental Day

Recology will hold an Environmental Day from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, March 3, to provide Santa Clara residents with the opportunity to recycle e-waste (computers, monitors, printers, etc.), clothing, u-waste (batteries, cell phone, CFL's and fluorescent light tubes), and children's plastic play structures and toys. In addition, residents can bring confidential documents for shredding (limit of two boxes). In order to participate, residents must bring their Santa Clara utility bill and photo I.D. to the Recology facility at 650 Martin Ave. For more information, call Recology at 408-970-5100.

Indoor Sculpture Exhibit



Santa Clara's newest sculpture exhibit, "The Fire Art of Recycling," has filled the corridors of City Hall with several dozen sculptures from Northern California artists. Each piece in this juried show is made from recycled or reused materials. The exhibition runs through March 30 and is open Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. through 5 p.m. (closed Saturdays, Sundays and holidays) at 1500 Warburton Ave. It is sponsored by the City of Santa Clara's Cultural Advisory Commission with the assistance of the Triton Museum of Art. For information call 408-615-2210.

Police Activities League

A variety of youth sports is offered seasonally and year-round to young people in Santa Clara through the Police Activities League. All classes have limited enrollment. For more information and to register, contact the PAL office at 408-615-4880, or come by the office at 601 El Camino Real from 1-5 p.m. on weekdays. Activities include PAL GAL softball, wrestling, judo and BMX racing.

71st annual Camellia Show



The 71st Annual Camellia Show, sponsored by the Camellia Society and the Santa Clara Parks & Recreation Department, will be held on February 25 and 26, at the Community Recreation Center, 969 Kiely Blvd. Hundreds of delicate blooms of different sizes and colors will be on display. There is a camellia to fit any size garden or patio, and experts will be available at the show to help gardeners decide what camellia would be best for their yards, decks or terraces. The Santa Clara Art Association will display horticultural-related art.

The free show is open for viewing on Saturday, Feb. 25 from 2:30 to 5 p.m., and on Sunday, Feb. 26 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Entries will be accepted Saturday, Feb. 25 from 6:30 a.m. to 10 a.m. Novices and children are encouraged to enter their camellias. Camellia Society members will be on hand to help identify and place your entry. For more information, call 408-615-3080.

About Santa Clara's nonprofit partners

The City of Santa Clara contracts with a number of agencies for the provision of community services. The list provided here includes local nonprofit service agencies funded by either the federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) entitlement program or the Redevelopment Agency Affordable Housing Fund program. The objective is to provide funding support to assist persons and households that are low income. The public services provided by these agencies are reviewed annually by the City for consideration of continued funding support. Local nonprofit agencies that partner with the City include:

- ❑ Catholic Charities Shared Housing (shared housing services for families and single parents with children); 408-325-5277
- ❑ Emergency Housing Consortium (transitional housing support services); 408-539-2100
- ❑ Bill Wilson Center (counseling for youth and families, and grief counseling); 408-243-0222
- ❑ Live Oak Senior Day Services (senior day services); 408-971-9363
- ❑ Support Network for Battered Women (counseling, legal services, emergency shelter); 408-501-7550
- ❑ Project Sentinel (fair housing services, information and referral, investigation), 650-321-6291; (counseling services on mortgage problems and tenant/landlord dispute resolution services), 408-720-9888
- ❑ Second Harvest Food Bank, Operation Brown Bag (provision of food staples for needy families); 408-983-0360.

For a complete list, see the City's website at: santaclaraca.gov/NonProfitPartners.

Grant applications sought from nonprofits

Mission City Community Fund is currently taking applications for the Spring 2012 grant funding cycle. Nonprofit organizations wishing to request a grant from MCCF can download the application form from the website missioncityfund.org. Complete grant applications must be postmarked by January 31. Questions may be emailed to allocations@missioncityfund.org.

Mission Bistro open to the public



The Mission Bistro, an on-campus restaurant operated by the Mission College Hospitality Management Program, is open to the public on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. during the fall and spring semesters for delicious, healthy lunches. Students enrolled in the program learn and practice all phases of the restaurant business, from menu planning and meal preparation to purchasing and managing profits and losses. The Bistro offers a set selection of menu items, augmented by a soup and bread of the day as well as a salad bar. The food is always prepared fresh and prices are low. Meals can be enjoyed in the newly remodeled dining room or ordered to go. Parking is free in college lot "C." Mission Bistro is also available for catering special events. For more information about the Mission Bistro, go to missioncollege.edu/depts/food/owlcafe or call 408-855-5246.

Bluegrass Music at Santa Clara Depot

Members of the Northern California Bluegrass Society now meet regularly at the Santa Clara Depot to host jam sessions celebrating bluegrass and other old-time music. Entertaining patrons and visitors to the depot, these jam sessions occur on the second Saturday of each month at the historic Santa Clara Railroad Depot. Performances are from 12 noon to 3 p.m. and are free. For more information, visit sbhrs.org or the Northern California Bluegrass Society website at scbs.org.



Household Hazardous Waste Drop-Off Days

Household hazardous waste drop-off events in Santa Clara will be held on January 28 and April 28. Other drop-off events are scheduled throughout the County during the year. Call 408-299-7300 or go to hhw.org to make an appointment to attend any of the household hazardous waste drop-off events. Items that can be disposed of at the drop-off include household cleaners, pesticides, herbicides, paint products, car and household batteries, fluorescent bulbs and tubes, solvents, waste oil, automotive products, household medications and Sharps containers. Ammunition, explosives, radioactive materials and containers larger than five gallons will not be accepted.



Advanced electric meters in rigorous testing, trial installations



A small test group of businesses and homes in Santa Clara received new advanced electric meters last fall from Silicon Valley Power (SVP), the City’s municipal Electric Utility. The SVP Meter Connect™ installations with new technology followed a community meeting where residents provided input to SVP about plans to replace old mechanical electric meters, which are no longer manufactured. Residents were very interested in the free outdoor Wi-Fi service made possible by the City-wide meter communication network now under construction.

“The conversation with residents helped us confirm we are on the right track by taking a careful approach to testing and installing the new meters,” said Larry Owens, SVP Manager of Customer Services. “We understand our customers’ concerns about the meters and want to make it clear that not only are these new meters different from the SmartMeters™ deployed in California by PG&E, but our system also uses different vendors and technology. We have taken several precautions to assure a better outcome.”

For instance, the new meters use less than a quarter of the power of the original PG&E SmartMeters to transmit secure and private meter information to the utility, well within FCC safety limits. The SVP system will also supply free outdoor Wi-Fi across Santa Clara. SVP’s vendors have installed over 3.5 million advanced meters successfully worldwide and proven the technology to be accurate, safe and secure.

The City first installed the meters last summer at its own facilities in a portion of Santa Clara, including the Santa Clara Golf & Tennis Club, Fire Station No. 10, and Santa Clara Youth Soccer Park. Then 75 electric and water meters were deployed in a nearby neighborhood after residents and businesses were asked for their input on the project. This limited deployment completed testing of the new outdoor network that wirelessly and privately carries meter information to SVP offices and will soon provide free outdoor Wi-Fi access across Santa Clara. In Santa Clara, businesses will receive the new metering technology later this year, with residential neighborhoods scheduled for advanced meter installation starting in 2013.

SVP has published its promise to Santa Clara residents as it moves forward with the step-by-step introduction of advanced electric meters:

- We will upgrade our technology to support the widespread adoption of solar energy, smart appliances and electric vehicles.
- We will follow a careful process and verify accuracy at every step.
- We will protect your data and your privacy.
- We will keep our system secure.
- We will utilize tried-and-true meters proven by millions world-wide.
- We are committed to a fair resolution of any issues or concerns that arise.

Silicon Valley Power is now on Facebook & Twitter!

Your municipal Electric Utility is now on Facebook and Twitter. If you’d like energy-saving tips, information on upcoming events, or updates on power outages, become a Fan at www.Facebook.com/SiliconValleyPower or follow [@SantaClaraPower](https://twitter.com/SantaClaraPower) on Twitter. Interested in hearing about specific topics via social media? Send an email to cutcosts@siliconvalleypower.com.



Electric rates among lowest in California

Electric rates at Silicon Valley Power, the City’s municipal Electric Utility, are among the lowest in California and will remain stable through 2012 because of several efforts to keep rates low.

For example, Silicon Valley Power has invested in renewable energy generation resources since the 1980s. Owning its own geothermal and hydroelectric facilities and land with potential for renewable energy development in the future, allows Silicon Valley Power to control and stabilize costs. More than 25% of the energy provided to Santa Clara comes from renewable sources.

Silicon Valley Power also offers several programs that can help reduce energy costs. Rebates are available for many residential improvements including energy-efficient lighting, insulation, solar power, and refrigerator upgrades. Call 408-244-SAVE (7283), email cutcosts@siliconvalleypower.com, or visit siliconvalleypower.com for more information.

The Electric Utility also participates in daily wholesale trading of energy to buy the energy our community needs at lower costs, while selling excess capacity into the market.

Brighter crossing lights for pedestrians

Bright new LED (light emitting diode) lights and fixtures have replaced outdated incandescent lighting at 397 signals throughout Santa Clara, making “Walk” and “Don’t Walk” signs easier to read for pedestrians.

The \$200,000 project was funded by an Energy Efficiency Block Grant from the U.S. Department of Energy under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. In addition to improving pedestrian safety, the new lights will save more than 200,000 kilowatt-hours of electricity annually, reducing carbon dioxide emissions by 60 tons each year.

Studies show that 11-watt LED lights are brighter than incandescent bulbs and are expected to last an average of 10 years compared to the short 1- to 2-year lifespan of the old 69-watt incandescent bulbs. Because each LED is a group of individual diodes emitting light, a pedestrian signal will remain working even if one of the diodes fails.

Call the hotline to report abandoned vehicles

Vehicles may not be parked or stored on a public street for more than 72 consecutive hours. If you notice a vehicle that is not moved for three or more days, report it to the 24-hour Abandoned Vehicle Hotline at 408-615-4778. You may also report abandoned vehicles using an online form; visit scpd.org and search for “abandoned vehicles.”

City Code also prohibits the storage of any abandoned, disabled, dismantled, or inoperative vehicle, or parts, on private single-family residential properties where they are visible from the public right-of-way. These types of vehicles may also be reported to the hotline for further assessment.

Vehicles parked or stored on private streets, commercial properties, and/or rental housing properties (including parking lots), are not covered by the City’s abatement program. It is the financial and legal responsibility of the private property owner to resolve these types of problems.

For parking violations not related to abandoned vehicles, such as limited time zone areas, designated handicapped spaces, painted curbs, signs, commercial vehicles parked within 300 feet of residential property, or someone living inside of a vehicle, call the Santa Clara Police non-emergency dispatch line at 408-615-5580 for a prompt response.

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Korea. The VoIP device location (address of record) is never updated so when a crime is in progress at their new home, the 9-1-1 call is connected to Santa Clara 9-1-1 rather than to public safety at their location in South Korea. It takes almost 30 minutes for dispatchers here to locate the correct dispatch center in South Korea to get the appropriate emergency responders dispatched.

• Because they don’t want to enter their own address, a Santa Clara family instead enters a different address as their VoIP device location (address of record), such as the address of the Santa Clara Police Department. During an occurrence of domestic violence, the 9-1-1 call is connected to Santa Clara 9-1-1, but the dispatcher can only hear yelling and the sounds of struggling in the background. Without the actual address of that individual, the appropriate emergency responders are delayed until the victim or another person can provide the actual address.

The Federal Communications Commission is working closely with VoIP providers to ensure that 9-1-1 calls using this type of telephone service are as consistent and effective as calls placed from a traditional telephone. In the meantime, the FCC recommends that VoIP users take these steps:

- Provide your accurate physical address to your interconnected VoIP service provider to ensure that emergency services can quickly be dispatched to your location.
 - Be familiar with your VoIP service provider’s procedures for updating your address, and promptly update your address information if it changes.
 - Have a clear understanding of any limitations of your 9-1-1 service.
 - Inform children, babysitters and visitors about your VoIP service and its 9-1-1 limitations, if any. For example, if the call is disconnected for any reason, the emergency dispatcher may not be able to automatically call back to make sure everything is all right.
 - If your power is out or your Internet connection is down, be aware that your VoIP service may not work. You may want to maintain a traditional phone line or have a wireless phone as a back-up.
- If you have questions about your VoIP telephone service, contact your provider.



Library Update



Be Your BEST at the Library



In these challenging economic times, the Santa Clara City Library wants to help job seekers acquire the necessary skills and resources to find work. The Library is the recipient of a Library Services and Technology Act grant for Project BEST (Basic Employee Skills Training) that will focus on training for basic computer literacy skills and accessing online employment resources.

The Library will partner with various community agencies, including the Santa Clara Chamber of Commerce, Mission

College, NOVA, and SCUSD Adult Education to offer job hunting workshops and career counseling services at the Library. Another feature of the program will support current and potential employees in food service establishments complete the training and test for a food handler's card, a new mandatory state requirement. The grant also will allow the Library to expand its collection of print and online employment-related resources.

For more information about Project BEST and the Library's many resources for job seekers, call the Reference Desk at 408-615-2900 or visit the Library's website at library.santaclaraca.gov.

Silicon Valley Reads events in Santa Clara

Silicon Valley Reads is celebrating its 10th anniversary in 2012 with an exciting array of books and programs focused on the theme "Muslim and American: Two Perspectives." Santa Clara City Library will be an active participant, thanks to a grant from the Santa Clara City Library Foundation and Friends.

The featured books are: *The Muslim Next Door: The Qur'an, the Media, and that Veil Thing* by Sumbul Ali-Karamali, and *The Butterfly Mosque* by G. Willow Wilson. Companion books for children are: *It's OK To Be Different* by Todd Parr, *One Green Apple* by Eve Bunting, *My Name is Bilal* by Asma Mobin-Uddin, and *Skunk Girl* by Sheba Karim.

More than 75 free community events will be offered throughout Santa Clara County in January, February, March and April. The Santa Clara Library will host these programs:

- Sunday, March 18, 2 p.m., a showing of the film "Allah Made Me Funny – Live in Concert" that follows three comedians, Mo Amer, Azhar Usman and Preacher Moss, on stage and off as they reveal the humorous truth of what it's really like to be Muslim in America
- Thursday, March 22, 4 p.m., an appearance by author Sheba Karim for teens
- Sunday, April 22, 3 p.m., an appearance by author Todd Parr for young children and families
- Sunday, April 29, 2 p.m., the closing event of Silicon Valley Reads with authors Sumbul Ali-Karamali and Willow Wilson interviewed by Mercury News columnist Sal Pizarro

A full listing of Silicon Valley Reads events can be found on the website siliconvalleyreads.org.

Help others or get help to read



There are approximately 3.4 million adults in California with below basic literacy skills, and in Santa Clara County, 16% of adults lack basic literacy skills. They are family members, workers, or jobseekers who speak English well, but silently struggle with everyday tasks that require basic literacy skills.

"I wasn't able to read

well, so I did the jobs no one else wanted to do. If a job had a test, I would walk away. I couldn't read or understand the questions on the tests. I could only look for work when there was an oral interview. Reading stories to my children, I sounded like I was drunk." - Suzie, an adult learner.

Read Santa Clara, the adult and family literacy program of Santa Clara City Library, offers free, confidential, one-on-one and small group tutoring to adults who wish to improve their basic reading, writing, or math skills. To join the program, adult learners need to be 16 years or older, not attending high school, able to converse in English and read and/or write below an eighth grade level. Learners should be able to meet with a tutor in Santa Clara for about two hours a week for a minimum of six months.

The program offers an orientation and 12.5 hours of training to volunteers from the community who wish to become literacy tutors. Volunteers need to be 18 years or older, proficient in speaking, reading, and writing English and able to commit to tutoring an adult in Santa Clara for two hours a week for at least six months.

If you know someone who needs help, or would like to learn how you can share your gift of reading with an adult, call 615-2956 or email readsantaclara@santaclaraca.gov.

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from StadCo. Currently, the approximate amounts of the loans are projected to be a \$450 million loan from the construction lenders to the Stadium Authority and a \$400 million subordinated loan from StadCo to the Stadium Authority. The \$1.02 billion cost accounts for several years' inflation since the project was originally envisioned, and takes into account further project refinements as plans have become more precise.

Construction debt remaining at the completion of construction is expected to be replaced with long term debt. The long term debt will be repaid from Stadium Authority revenue sources including Stadium Builders License proceeds, naming rights, 50% of net income from non-NFL events, and Facility Rent paid by StadCo to the Stadium Authority.

Facility Rent paid to the Stadium Authority, currently estimated at \$30 million annually, will be set so that when added to the Stadium Authority's other revenue sources, the Stadium Authority will have sufficient funds to pay operating expenses, including the rent owed to the City and debt service.

In addition to the above DDA protection, additional protections will be included in a Stadium Lease to ensure that the Stadium Authority has sufficient funds to pay its obligations. One protection includes the ability for the Stadium Authority to require StadCo to assume all operations of the Stadium in return for relief from existing debt owed to StadCo and affiliates. In this instance, the Stadium Authority would retain ownership of the Stadium. The Finance Plan is consistent with the requirements of Measure J including: prohibition of the use of the City's General Fund or City utility funds for development or operations of the Stadium; limiting the contribution of the Redevelopment Agency of up to \$40 million; and limiting the Community Facilities District funds to be paid by local hotels to \$35 million.

The DDA specifies that a 49ers Stadium Management Company (ManagementCo) will be responsible for management of the Stadium on a year-round basis, allowing for more efficient, cost effective and consistent facility control.

Future actions that the Stadium Authority Board is expected to consider in the coming months include: approval of a Final Finance Plan and Final Development Budget; approval of a Final Stadium Lease; approval of a ground lease with the City (the City Council will also need to take this action as the site is City-owned); approval of the Design Build Agreement for construction of the Stadium; approval of a Construction Agency Agreement with StadCo to provide for StadCo to oversee the construction of the Stadium; approval of non-relocation agreement(s) between the Stadium Authority, City and Team requiring the Team to play home games at the Stadium for the 40-year term of the Lease; and approval of a Public Safety Agreement. A parking plan, including agreements for off-site parking, is also in development by the Team and will need to be approved by the City. The Team is also working to develop alternate soccer fields, potentially on School District Land, so that on football game days, soccer teams that would normally play at the Santa Clara Youth Soccer Park can instead play on other premium fields.

SANTA CLARA SENIOR CENTER SERVICES

[All phone numbers are area code (408) unless otherwise noted.]

SERVICES AT THE SENIOR CENTER	PROVIDER / PHONE / WEBSITE
Bus and Light Rail Passes Monthly bus and light rail pass stickers for Regional Transit Discount Card Services available to all seniors age 65+ and people with disabilities	Valley Transportation Authority 321-2300 www.vta.org
Care Management Services Services available by appointment: in-home assessment, connection to community resources, service coordination Services available to City of Santa Clara seniors age 60+	Santa Clara Parks & Recreation Council on Aging Silicon Valley, 615-3170 www.santaclaraca.gov www.coasiliconvalley.com
Health and Wellness Services available by appointment: health education, healthcare coaching, social engagement, home visits, blood pressure and blood glucose screening Services available on drop in basis: blood pressure clinic Thursday 9:30-11:30am Services available to City of Santa Clara seniors age 50+	Santa Clara Parks & Recreation 615-3170 www.santaclaraca.gov
Health Insurance & Medicare Counseling (HICAP) Free information & assistance on Medicare related issues; Tuesdays by appointment Services available to anyone on Medicare	Council on Aging Silicon Valley 615-3170 www.coasiliconvalley.com
Senior Resources Information, resources, and referral to senior programs and services Services available to City of Santa Clara seniors age 50+	Santa Clara Parks & Recreation 615-3170 www.santaclaraca.gov
Legal Assistance Free legal assistance available two Wednesdays per month, by appointment Services available to Santa Clara County seniors age 60+	Senior Adult Legal Assistance (SALA) 615-3170 www.sala.org
Notary Service Free service by appointment, Fridays 8-9 am Signer must be present and provide government issued identification Services available to all seniors age 50+	Volunteer 615-3170 www.santaclaraca.gov
Dining Out Nutritionally balanced lunch served at the Santa Clara Senior Center Monday-Friday 11:30 am. Call one day ahead for reservations, \$2.50 donation Services available to Santa Clara County seniors age 60+	Santa Clara Parks & Recreation & Santa Clara County 615-3174 www.santaclaraca.gov
Tax Assistance Offered throughout the year to seniors age 50+	AARP volunteer 615-3170
SERVICES FOR SENIORS AND OTHERS THROUGH THE CITY OF SANTA CLARA	PROVIDER / PHONE / WEBSITE
Electric Utility Assistance Electric rate assistance programs offering 25% discount on electricity, available to those meeting medical or income eligibility Assistance available for attic insulation Free home energy audits, info on appliance rebates, and tool lending	City Electric Utility-Silicon Valley Power 244-7283 www.siliconvalleypower.com
Grab bars/Ramps/Accessibility Grants available, based on income, for accessible modifications Services available to all City of Santa Clara residents	City Housing & Community Services Division 615-2490 www.santaclaraca.gov
Home Repairs Low interest rate loans to homeowners for repairs, roof & window replacement, insulation, and exterior house painting. Grants available for emergency home repairs Services available to all City of Santa Clara residents	City Housing & Community Services Division 615-2490 www.santaclaraca.gov
Library Home Delivery Home delivery of library materials (books, CDs, books on tape) Services available to any homebound City of Santa Clara Resident	Santa Clara City Library 615-2904 www.santaclaraca.gov
Medication Disposal Dispose of expired or unused prescription or over-the-counter medication Services available to all City of Santa Clara residents	Santa Clara Police Department 615-4700 www.santaclaraca.gov
SERVICES FOR SENIORS & OTHERS FROM SANTA CLARA'S COMMUNITY PARTNERS	PROVIDER / PHONE / WEBSITE
Emergency housing Shelter, housing, and support programs to help people rebuild their lives	Emergency Housing Consortium (EHC Lifebuilders) 539-2100 www.ehclifebuilders.org
Domestic Violence Emergency shelter for women and children, crisis intervention, education Only for women age 18+ and mothers with children	Next Door Solutions to Domestic Violence 501-7550 Hotline 279-2962 www.nextdoor.org
Domestic Violence Emergency shelter, counseling, support	Support Network for Battered Women 800/572-2782 www.supportnetwork.org
Food Free groceries	St. Justin's Food Pantry 243-1462 www.st-justin.org
Free groceries, available weekly Free hot meal site listing	Second Harvest Food Bank 800/984-3663 www.shfb.org
Frozen meal delivery Available to homebound seniors, age 60+	Council on Aging Silicon Valley Meals on Wheels 296-8290 800/510-2020 www.coasiliconvalley.com
Grief Counseling Counseling, emotional support, support groups	Centre for Living With Dying Bill Wilson Center 243-0222 www.billwilsoncenter.org
Housing, Affordable Assessment of housing needs, information and education, referral services, and application assistance	Catholic Charities 468-0100 www.catholiccharitiessccc.org
Housing Issues Tenant/landlord disputes, mortgage foreclosure counseling, fair housing counseling and investigation	Project Sentinel 720-9888 www.housing.org
Transportation Subsidized door-to-door transportation for ADA eligible people	Outreach and Escort 436-2865 www.outreach1.org
Escorted Transportation for seniors residing in West Santa Clara County	Heart of the Valley Services for Seniors 241-1571 www.servicesforseniors.org
Volunteer Services Volunteers available for socialization, house projects, grocery shopping & more Age 59+ residing in West Santa Clara County	Heart of the Valley Services for Seniors 241-1571 www.servicesforseniors.org

Santa Clara Senior Center • 1303 Fremont Street, Santa Clara, CA 95050 • 408/615-3170
Mon-Fri 7 a.m.-5 p.m. • Sat 9 a.m.-12 noon
santaclaraca.gov • Office closes 30 minutes prior to building

Volunteer to serve your community

Connecting through volunteer service is a great way to bring people together and help create a better future for the community. Whether you volunteer for a short-term service activity or a long-term commitment, every effort can make a difference in someone’s life. The City of Santa Clara volunteer team is always looking for additional individuals to become involved. Here are some examples of volunteer opportunities within the City:

- Library Genealogy Consultant
- Fire Reserves Volunteer
- Finance Department Customer Service Assistant
- Senior Center Computer Lab Attendant
- Youth Basketball Program Volunteer
- Therapeutic Recreation Services Volunteer
- Agnews Historic Cemetery and Museum Docent

For more information on these and other volunteer opportunities, call the City Manager’s Office at 408-615-2210, or visit the City’s website at santaclaraca.gov/volunteer. Other volunteer opportunities available throughout the Bay Area are listed on volunteermatch.org.

Online calendar of local history event is live



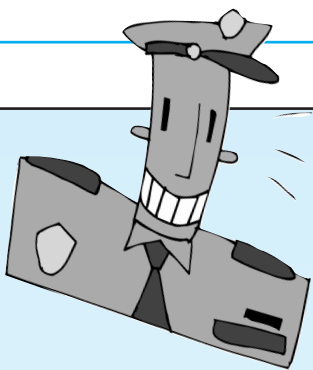
An online calendar of local history events in Santa Clara County is now available on the website californiapioneers.com. Learn about local history museums, lectures, walking tours, historic home tours and more. Local historians, historical organizations and museums from Santa Clara, San Jose, Cupertino, Los Gatos, Los Altos, Mountain View, Campbell, and Morgan Hill have posted events for 2012. For nonprofits anywhere in Santa Clara County that would like to post their local history programs, contact PioneersCalendar@Gmail.com and ask for the instructions to submit events.

Pay tribute to veterans



Individual personalized engraved brick pavers can be purchased at any time to be part of the Santa Clara Veterans Memorial in Central Park, a tribute to the men and women who have served in the U.S. military. Each brick is inscribed with the name of a veteran to be honored.

For more information about the Memorial and the purchase of brick pavers, contact Veterans Memorial Committee member Jim Lee at 408-296-2512.



CODE COMPLIANCE QUESTIONS

Q Recently, I have been awakened in the early morning by the sounds of construction work at a neighboring property. Is there a law regarding noise in the early morning?

A Noise is regulated in the City Code and includes limits on noise and vibration from fixed sources, such as ventilation systems, and noise emanating from construction sites. The limits are designed to provide for a reasonable expectation that everyone should be allowed to enjoy peace in their home during the late night and early morning hours.

Generally, construction work located within 300 feet of any residentially zoned property is limited to the hours of 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. during weekdays and 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturdays. Construction work is not permitted on Sundays and select holidays. Exemptions are granted for certain work, such as emergency repair and work being performed by the owner of single-family or duplex residential properties.

During normal business hours, complaints regarding disturbing the peace should be directed to the City’s Planning & Inspection Department at 408-615-2460. Before or after work hours, complaints should be directed to the Police Department at 408-615-5580.

Q Recently, I noticed a neighbor has moved a couch and recliner chair onto the front porch. The front yard of the home is often cluttered with other items. Is there anything that can be done to help clean up the property?

A It’s possible from this description that this property could be classified as a “public nuisance” and regulated in the City Code in order to safeguard the health, safety and welfare of people by maintaining property and promoting a sound and attractive community appearance.

The Code prohibits the storage of most items on residential property that can be viewed from a public street or walkway. The storage of legally parked and licensed vehicles, as well as materials for a construction project, on the property with valid permits is not restricted.

Placing furniture on a porch may not be classified as storage, but it can be a concern if it is used by smokers. The Fire Department has responded to a number of fires involving couches on porches, including one that actually threatened the occupants who escaped after being alerted by a passing Santa Clara Police Officer. Most of the fires were started by cigarettes discarded near combustible materials.

To report properties that may pose a public nuisance, call Code Enforcement at 408-615-2460. For properties that pose a fire hazard, please call the Fire Marshal’s Office at 408-615-4970.

Keep busy this winter and spring with fun recreation classes



Programs from the Parks & Recreation Department keep you and your children active and interested in learning and playing all year long. The *Winter/Spring Recreation Activities Guide* is currently available online and in City

facilities now. Registration opens January 3rd, and there is something for everyone!

A great selection of fitness, dance and sports programs for all ages is always on the schedule. Join a group fitness program such as Zumba or Jazzercise to keep the winter doldrums away. Try a new activity such as Golf, Ice Skating, Tae Kwon Do and Kayaking, or join a group to hike Mission Peak or to see the elephant seals. Active programs for children include Fencing, Rock Climbing, Ice Skating, Soccer, Basketball, Skateboarding, Karate, and more! Explore your talent in drawing, painting or ceramics, or try a new style of cooking. New cooking classes for adults include: Homemade Doughnuts, Flavors of Ethiopia, Romantic Valentine’s Dinner, and French Dinner Party.

For children and teens, there is a great variety of classes, including Driver’s Education, Kids in the Kitchen, Public Speaking, Babysitting Workshop, Piano/Keyboarding, Guitar, or Fun with Drums. Youngsters love fun art and craft classes such as Cartoon and Comic Drawing, Ceramics, Mommy and Me Messy Madness, and A,B,C’s & 1,2,3’s.

See the *City of Santa Clara Recreation Activities Guide* for a complete listing of the programs. Pick up a copy at the Community Recreation Center, Walter E. Schmidt Youth Activity Center, Teen Center, Senior Center, City Hall, Central Park Library, or Mission Library Family Reading Center. The *Guide* is also available online at santaclaraca.gov.

You may sign up for classes online, providing instant registration. An account “PIN” number and “client barcode” are required before using online registration. You may also register in person during regular business hours at the Community Recreation Center or Walter E. Schmidt Youth Activity Center. Call the Community Recreation Center, 408-615-3140, for more information.

Early bird summer camp registration starts March 12

Plan your child’s summer before the mad rush! Summer camp registration information is available online and at facilities on March 5 and registration begins on March 12. Call 408-615-3140 for more information.

The complete *Summer 2012 Recreation Activities Guide* will be mailed to residents and will be posted online at santaclaraca.gov beginning April 18. The *Recreation Activities Guide* will be available for pick up at City facilities beginning April 19. Copies are made available at the Community Recreation Center, Walter E. Schmidt Youth Activity Center, Teen Center, City Hall, Central Park Library, and Mission Library Family Reading Center.

Important dates for Early Bird, Online, Mail-In, and Walk-In Registration:

- Early Bird Summer Camp Online Registration begins March 12
- Resident Online and Mail-In Registration begins April 25
- Non-Resident Registration begins May 2
- Walk-In Registration begins May 16

Call 408-615-3140 for *Guide* and registration information.

Youngsters learn dramatic arts in Roberta Jones Jr. Theatre Program

The Roberta Jones Jr. Theatre Program offers opportunities for children of all ages to explore stage performance in 2012, including these productions:

“Hello, Dolly!,” the Tony-award-winning Broadway musical will be presented in March. Auditions for children ages 8-18 will be held on January 3 and 4, 3:30 to 6:30 p.m., and everyone who auditions will be cast in the show. Parents should be aware of the rehearsal time commitments as well as their responsibility in providing costumes, make-up and production assistance. An information meeting for parents will be held on Saturday, Jan. 7, 2:30-3:30 p.m. at the Community Recreation Center. For information, call Kevin Cornelius at 408-615-3161.

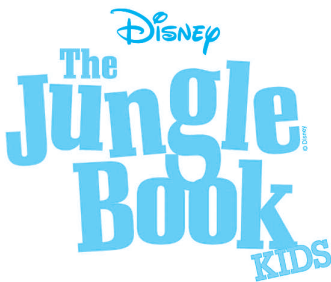


“Disney’s The Jungle Book Kids” will take to the stage in June. Children ages 7-13 are invited to audition on Tuesday, April 3, 3:30-6:30 p.m. at the Community Recreation Center. For more

information on this Springboard Theatre production, visit the website rjjt.org.

Creative Dramatics classes for ages 4-5 and ages 6-8 will also be offered this spring. Children explore creativity through interactive storytelling and improvisational games in the Imagine Me (ages 4-5) and Imagine Me, Too (ages 6-8) classes. Children must be able to leave their parents with ease.

Contact the Community Recreation Center at 408-615-3140 for registration information.





SANTA CLARA ARTS & HISTORICAL CONSORTIUM

Santa Clara Museums



Triton Museum of Art

The Triton Museum of Art exists to enhance the quality of lives of people in Santa Clara and the Bay Area through a program of art, education, and community involvement. Rotating exhibits highlight the museum's permanent collection of 19th and 20th century American art. *Native Americans Yesterday and Today: Selections from the Austen D. Warburton Collection*, is a permanent exhibition. The museum buildings are owned by the City, but are operated by the nonprofit Triton Museum of Art. The museum is located at 1505 Warburton Ave., across the street from City Hall. The museum is open Tuesdays through Sundays, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., and until 9 p.m. on Thursdays. Closed Mondays. Admission and parking are free. For further information, call 408-247-3754, or visit the Triton website at tritonmuseum.org.



de Saisset Museum

The de Saisset Museum is the South Bay's free museum of art and history. The museum was founded adjacent to Mission Santa Clara de Asís on the Santa Clara University campus in 1955 and is one of only three museums in the South Bay accredited by the American Association of Museums. The de Saisset presents a diverse and accessible range of exhibitions and educational programs that highlight the art and history of the San Francisco Bay Area and the local Santa Clara Valley. The Museum's collection focuses on six main areas including California history, Mission-era liturgical vestments, decorative arts, works on paper, painting and sculpture, and new media. Admission to the de Saisset Museum is free. Galleries are open Tuesday-Sunday 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. during the academic year. To confirm hours and obtain more information visit scu.edu/desaissset or call 408-554-4528.



Headen-Inman House

The charming Headen-Inman House, 1509 Warburton Ave., includes a museum with photographs and artifacts related to the history of Santa Clara. Rotating exhibits by the Santa Clara Art Association are also on display. The Santa Clara Founders and Pioneers Room has exhibits featuring the founding families and early pioneers of Santa Clara County. The house, named after the two families who once owned it, is now owned by the City, but is operated by and is the headquarters of the nonprofit Santa Clara Arts & Historical Consortium. The museum is open most Sundays, from 1 to 4 p.m. Admission and parking are free. For further information, call 408-248-ARTS.



Berryessa Adobe

In the 1840s, this simple adobe dwelling was constructed about a mile west of Mission Santa Clara. The house was lived in by generations of families who immigrated to Santa Clara to labor in

the fields and factories, and to make new lives for themselves. Purchased by the City of Santa Clara in 1997 and restored in 2002, the Berryessa Adobe is one of the last adobes in the Santa Clara Valley, and is an interpretive site on the Juan Bautista de Anza National Historic Trail. It is located at 373 Jefferson Street and generally open Thursdays and Saturdays, 12 noon to 2 p.m., or by arrangement. Group tours may also be arranged. For more information, call 408-615-2488 or email: BerryessaAdobe@santaclaraca.gov.

South Bay Historical Railroad Society

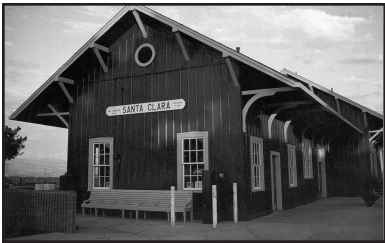
The South Bay Historical Railroad Society was founded in 1985 with the goal of preserving the heritage of American railroading. SBHRS accomplished the major task of renovating the historic Santa Clara Depot, and maintains the facility and researches its history. The group also built and maintains onsite HO and N scale museum-grade model train layouts. The Santa Clara Depot, at the Santa Clara Caltrain Station, is regularly open to the public every Saturday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., and Tuesdays from 6 to 9 p.m., at 1005 Railroad Ave. Call 408-243-3969 for further information, or visit the website at sbhrs.org.

Harris-Lass Historic Museum

The Harris-Lass Historic Museum, located at 1889 Market St., is the last preserved farm site in the City of Santa Clara. The property, which includes a large fully furnished Italianate-style home, barn, summer kitchen and a tank house, is named for the two families who owned it and lived there for 125 years. The museum is now owned by the City, but is operated by the nonprofit Historic Preservation Society of Santa Clara, and staffed entirely by volunteers. Guided tours aid visitors in learning about local history and life in the early 1900s. Museum hours are most Saturdays and Sundays, from 12 noon to 4 p.m. Admission is \$3 for adults and \$2 for students and seniors. Parking is free. For details about visiting the museum, call 408-249-7905 or see harrislass.org.

Santa Clara Woman's Club Adobe

The Santa Clara Woman's Club Adobe, located at 3260 The Alameda, is a State-registered landmark and one of the oldest surviving adobe structures in northern California. With its origins dating to 1784, the Pena adobe was originally part of a row of houses for married Indian couples. The Santa Clara Woman's Club now uses the adobe as its club headquarters and meeting place. The Woman's Club provides encouragement and support for youth in Santa Clara, and cooperates with other organizations to aid seniors, veterans and the handicapped. Call 408-246-8000 for more information.



Pictured top to bottom, above:

- Triton Museum of Art
- de Saisset Museum
- Headen-Inman House
- Berryessa Adobe
- South Bay Historical Railroad Society Museum
- Harris-Lass Historic Museum
- Santa Clara Woman's Club Adobe

Other Consortium Member Groups

Los Fundadores y Amigos de Alta California, the Founders and Friends of Santa Clara County

The goals of Los Fundadores are to preserve the history and heritage of Santa Clara County and early California, to maintain a museum room in the Headen-Inman House, to provide rotating genealogical displays, and to develop research materials for the library room at the museum. The group was established in 1987 by Evalyn Martinez. It publishes a quarterly newsletter aimed at preserving the history and heritage of the founding families and early pioneers of Santa Clara County from its founding through 1889. For more information, call Evalyn Martinez at 408-926-1165.

Santa Clara Players

The Santa Clara Players is a talented local theater group that performs in the 80-seat Hall Pavilion of the Triton Museum of Art. Its season runs from October through June and includes three public productions plus one-act plays that can be performed for groups by special arrangement. Call 408-248-7993 for more information or visit scplayers.org.

Santa Clara Sister Cities Association

Individuals interested in promoting an appreciation for the world and its diverse cultures are invited to join the Santa Clara Sister Cities Association (SCA). Membership is open to both residents of Santa Clara and non-residents. SCA works closely with the City's International Exchange Commission which coordinates exchange programs with Santa Clara's two sister-cities: Coimbra, Portugal and Izumo, Japan. The group meets four or five times during the year at the Senior Citizens Center in Santa Clara. For more information on the Santa Clara Sister Cities Association, or opportunities to host visitors, contact SCA President Debi Davis at 408-244-7551 or see the website at santaclarasistercities.org.

Santa Clara Valley Porcelain Artists

Santa Clara Valley Porcelain Artists is dedicated to studying, teaching and promoting the art of china, glass and porcelain painting. Activities include monthly meetings/luncheons, workshops/seminars, demonstrations, porcelain exchange, and community involvement. For more information, call Arline Norsworthy at 408-296-8319.

Consortium Member Groups include:

- City of Santa Clara* – Agnews Historic Cemetery & Museum, and Berryessa Adobe
- de Saisset Museum*
- Garden City Doll Club
- Goldentones*
- Historic Preservation Society of Santa Clara*
- KKUP Radio
- Los Fundadores, Founders and Friends of Santa Clara Co.
- Mission City Opera
- Mission Trail Early Ford V-8 Club
- Orchard Valley Fine Arts Foundation
- Santa Clara Art Association*
- Santa Clara City Library*
- Santa Clara County Democratic Club
- Santa Clara County Historical & Genealogical Society*
- Santa Clara Players
- Santa Clara Sister Cities Association*
- Santa Clara Valley Porcelain Artists
- Santa Clara Woman's Club*
- Soroptimist International of Santa Clara*
- South Bay Historical Railroad Society*
- Spanish Heritage Society
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Apply now for 2012 Leadership Santa Clara program

Applications are now being accepted for Leadership Santa Clara 2012, a course beginning in January that prepares individuals interested in becoming community leaders.

Sessions are generally held on the second Thursday of each month from February through June, with two additional sessions

in January and an evening graduation ceremony/reception in mid-June. Classes are held at a variety of Santa Clara business locations, offering students an opportunity to visit a range of local organizations. Class sessions begin at 8:30 a.m. and conclude at 4:30 p.m.

Top-notch speakers cover a wide range of topics including governance, business climate, transportation, media, diversity, arts and culture, environment, volunteerism, health care and human/community services. Full days are devoted to public safety and education. Skill-building sessions focus on working with the media, public presentation skills, team building, meeting management, and ethics.

Tuition is \$750, and students may have up to 90% of their tuition covered by their employer. Scholarships are available.

For more information, call Leadership Santa Clara Program Coordinator Scott Summerfield at 925-249-9320, email him at smmrfld@aol.com, or contact the City Manager's Office at 408-615-2210.



The 2011 Leadership Santa Clara class encourages you to apply for 2012!

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Thank you for prompt payment!

The effort by Santa Clara residents and businesses to pay their utility bills in a timely manner is making a difference in saving the City time and money. Prompt payments help to maintain lower utility rates and improve customer service, and the customer avoids a late charge. Thank you, customers, for your prompt payments!



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Bluebirds, new volunteers find their way to Ulistac

Make a home and they will come! Volunteers at Ulistac Natural Area installed several bluebird boxes a few months ago, and now the Western Bluebird, usually seen mostly in the oak-covered

hills on the edge of the valley, have become frequent visitors and nesters. These bright blue birds with rosy chests historically have represented good luck, peace and prosperity.

Other new animals and insects recently spotted at the 40-acre natural area include the Gulf Fritillary butterfly, and the Praying Mantis.

A different and growing group of human visitors can also be found at Ulistac, thanks to a partnership between the Ulistac Natural Area Restoration and Education Project (UNAREP) and the Tzu Chi Buddhist Foundation. Several Sundays a year, 40 to 80 Tzu Chi volunteers come to Ulistac to plant, weed, water and mulch. Several Tzu Chi families have also donated funds to buy plants and materials.

Restoration partners in 2011 included State Assemblyman Paul Fong, the Cub Scouts, Castilleja School, Wilcox High School, Don Callejon School, Granada School, the Church of Latter Day Saints, PHHS Wildlife Conservation Club, and Brocade Inc. Applied Materials has generously underwritten the updating and reprinting of new tour guides for Ulistac, which should be ready for use later this year.

Habitat restoration work sessions take place on the first Saturday and third Sunday of each month, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. during November through April. New volunteers are always welcome! Only heavy rain cancels the session. Gather at the tool shed after following the trail from the South Entrance (the one nearest Hope Drive). Wear long pants, sturdy shoes and a hat, and bring some water and a snack. Tools, gloves, and training are provided.

For more information, call 408-554-5419 or email ulistac@scu.edu.

